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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: NATO, PARM, UR

SUBJECT: BREZHNEV LETTER ON ENHANCED RADIATION WARHEAD

REF: USNATO 00416

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV
DATED JANUARY 5 ON THE ER WARHEAD. THE MESSAGE
MAKES NO NEW POINTS, AND PREDICTABLY ASSERTS THAT
THE ERW IS A NEW AND DESTABILIZING STEP IN THE ARMS
RACE WHICH WOULD THREATEN TO DISRUPT ONGOING ARMS
CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. BREZHNEV STATES THAT A US
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DECISION IN FAVOR OF THE ERW WOULD FACE THE SOVIETS
WITH "THE NECESSITY TO RESPOND IN KIND TO THE CHALLENGE".
THE LETTER REFERS TO BREZHNEV'S END-OF-YEAR REMARKS
ON THE SUBJECT, AND REITERATES THE PROPOSAL FOR A
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON REPUDIATION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS.

2. THE LETTER NOTES THAT BREZHNEV IS SIMULTANEOUSLY

ADDRESSING LEADERS OF OTHER STATES PARTICIPATING IN
CSCE.

3. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN INFORMING PERMREPS
OF THE BREZHNEV LETTER AT THE JANUARY 17 LUNCH (REFTEL).

IF ASKED HOW WE PLAN TO RESPOND, YOU SHOULD STATE
THAT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING A REPLY IN DUE COURSE,
AND WILL BE CONSULTING WITH THE ALLIES.

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